

Priscilla Geigis, Deputy Commissioner, Conservation FROM: **SUBJECT: Forester License Renewal**

Enclosed is your application for annual license renewal. All correspondence should be directed to:

Colin Mettey MA Forester License Board P.O. Box 1433 – 740 South St. Pittsfield, MA 01202 (413) 217-6788 MAForesterLicensing@mass.gov

TO:

According to 302 CMR 14.04(6), [Forester Licensing Regulations provided separately in this package]

- (a) Not less than 30 days before the expiration of his or her license, a Licensed Forester shall submit a renewal application accompanied by the required fee to the Director of State Parks and Recreation.
- (b) If within sixty (60) days subsequent of the date of license expiration any Licensed Forester fails to renew his or her license, he or she shall not engage in the practice of forestry until a new license is issued. Each Licensed Forester seeking the renewal of his or her license shall comply with the Director's policy on continuing education for Licensed Foresters.
- (c) Any Licensed Forester who fails to renew his or her license or fails to meet the continuing education requirements of the Director of State Parks and Recreation's policy shall be ineligible for application for a new license for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of license expiration as depicted on the license. For any Licensed Forester who is called to, or serves on active duty with any branch of the armed forces for a period greater than 90 consecutive days during a license year, the CFE requirement for that year will be waived upon written request. Upon written request by any Licensed Forester, for good cause shown and documented, other service such as Peace Corps, extended jury duty, incapacitation due to illness or injury, the Director may waive the CFE requirement for that year.

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DCR Forester Licensing Policy #2, which sets forth Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) requirements, is attached.

Policy #2 states that: "Each Licensed Forester shall complete an average of at least 20 Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits per year to maintain his or her license. The average shall be calculated for the 3-year period coinciding with the terms of the license." The FLB has interpreted that language to mean the following:

For those of you who have <u>not</u> completed 20 credits in the last year (1 year time period starting with the date of your "Last License Issue Date"), you will be allowed to go back as far as three years prior to your renewal date in your CFE submission in order to meet the 20 credit / yr. average. CFE's previously submitted may be resubmitted now in the three-year average calculation.

For those of you who have completed 20 credits within the last year (1 year time period starting with the date of your "Last License Issue Date") you need to only submit those 20 credits.

<u>All applications must have supporting documentation for CFE credits (i.e. course certificates, copies of articles written, certificates of membership on town boards, etc.)</u>

Please use the enclosed forms to apply for license renewal. Submit with the \$50.00 renewal fee as soon as possible to:

Colin Mettey MA Forester License Board P.O. Box 1433 – 740 South St. Pittsfield, MA 01202

Make checks payable to the "Commonwealth of Massachusetts"

If you have questions contact: Colin Mettey at (413) 217-6788 or MAForesterLicensing@mass.gov

Enclosures

MASSACHUSETTS FORESTER LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

I, for a renewal of my Massachusetts H	, hereby apply to the forester License. I certify that I	he Director of State Parks and Recreation presently hold Massachusetts Forester
License Number Last Li SIGNATURE:		
NOTE: DCR creates a directory for request and on the Commonwealth's	public distribution of Massachus web site: http://www.mass.go	usetts Licensed Foresters available by v/dcr/stewardship/forestry/flb.htm
Please answer the following question	ns and fill out your contact info	rmation below:
I would like to be listed in a director	y of Foresters for public distribution	ution: Yes No
I would like my directory listing and	l/or mailings to use: Home Add	Iress Affiliation Address
I am currently an SAF Certified For	ester (CF): Yes No	-
I am an employee of: State Governm Other-please specify		
	Home Address	
NAME: ADDRESS: CITY: PHONE: E-MAIL:	ST: FAX:	ZIP:
	Affiliation Address	
AFFILIATION: ADDRESS: CITY: PHONE:	ST: EXT:	ZIP: FAX:

Mail this renewal application to Department of Conservation and Recreation, MA Forester Licensing Board, P.O. Box 1433, Pittsfield, MA 01202

E-MAIL:

OFFICIAL USE ONLY		
Date of Re-issue	Check No.	Check Amount
		Exempt (Y/N)

Continuing Education Summary

Category I

EIGHT HOURS MINIMUM: Organized course work or activities in forestry or forestry related subject matters such as silviculture, mensuration, forest pest management, habitat management, urban forestry, or forest policy. Category I courses include seminars, short courses, and workshops conducted or sponsored by public or private organizations, as well as technical sessions of SAF meetings or conferences. Credit will be approved only for subject matter directly related to forestry or forest resources. Credit accrues at the rate of one hour for each hour of actual participation.

	CONTACT HOURS					
Course, meeting or session	Sponsoring Organization	Date(s) Attended	Applicant Requests	Board Member Verification		
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Total Category 1 (8 Min)						

Category II

TWELVE HOURS MAXIMUM: Other organized course work or activities not specifically in forestry or forest-related areas, but which are professionally enriching or directly beneficial to the individual in his or her present position. Examples include general sessions of SAF or other professional meetings and course work in areas such as real estate, computer science, managerial and leadership skills, public speaking, or vertebrate zoology. Credit accrues at the same rate as for Category I.

			CONTACT HOURS	
Course, meeting or session	Sponsoring Organization	Date(s) Attended	Applicant Requests	Board Member Verification
	Tot	al Category 2 (12 Max)		

Category III

TWELVE HOURS MAXIMUM: Preparation, and presentation of course work or activities such as described in categories I and II that requires effort beyond the general scope of the individual's normal duties or job description. Credit accrues at the rate of **2 credits for each 1 hour** of presentation.

			CONTACT HOURS	
Course, meeting or session	Sponsoring Organization	Date(s) Attended	Applicant Requests	Board Member Verification
	1	Fotal Category 3 (12 Ma	x)	

Category IV

TEN HOURS MAXIMUM : Preparation, writing and publication of forestry or forestry-related subject matter that requires effort beyond the general scope of the individual's normal duties or job description. Credit is 15 hours for each article that is technically reviewed and 5 hours for popular articles or series.						
CONTACT HOURS						
Course, meeting or session	Sponsoring Organization	Date(s) Attended	Applicant Requests	Board Member Verification		
Total Category 4 (10 Max)						

Category V

FOUR HOURS MAXIMUM: Self-improvement in forestry and forestry-related subjects. Included is participation in or attendance at meetings not qualifying for category I or II, such as those conducted by state boards of forestry or forestry licensing committees. Also included is self-improvement through reading appropriate technical publications or viewing audiovisual presentations on technical forestry subjects. Credit accrues at the rate of 1 hour for each hour of an activity.

			CONTACT HOURS	
Course, meeting or session	Sponsoring Organization	Date(s) Attended	Applicant Requests	Board Member Verification
	Tot	tal Category 5 (4 Max)		

Category VI

TEN HOURS MAXIMUM: holding elected or appointed office or active committee assignments in the SAF, Massachusetts Association of Professional Foresters, or allied professional organizations such as the Wildlife Society, Society for Range Management, or Association of Consulting Foresters. Credit is 5 hours per year for elected office or chair of committee and 2 hours per year for active committee membership.

			CONTACT HOURS		
Office or Assignment	Sponsoring Organization	Date(s)	Applicant Requests	Board Member Verification	
Total Category 6 (10 Max)					

TOTALS	Beginning Date			
	Ending Date	Applicant	Applicant	Board Member
		Accrued	Requests	Verification
	Category 1 (8 hrs. min.)			
	Category 2 (12 hrs. max.)			
	Category 3 (12 hrs. max.)			
	Category 4 (10 hrs. max.)			
	Category 5 (4 hrs. max.)			
	Category 6 (10 hrs. max.)			
	TOTAL			
Having completed the contact hours listed	above, I hereby apply for Continuing	Forestry Education credi	its. To the best of m	y knowledge the
information contained in this application is	accurate and complete.			-
Signature	Date	Forester Lic	ense #	